

Mr. Darden introduced a bill to amend the 4th section of the Act of April 8, 1861, to amend the Act of March 15, 1848, to provide for the election of electors for President and Vice President, &c. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Committee on County Boundaries, reported the following bills and recommended their passage: bill to repeal an Act to authorize the County Court of Nueces County to levy a special tax; bill to change the name of the Counties of Cass and Buchanan.

A bill to reduce the price of the public domain being a special order was read 2nd time.

Mr. Guinn moved to lay the amendment of Mr. Weatherford and the substitute of Mr. Durant on the table. A division being called, the yeas and nays on laying the amendment on the table were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, and Shepard—16.

NAYS — Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Durant, Graham, Weatherford, and Wheeler—10.

Mr. Durant's substitute was adopted.

Mr. Erath offered the following amendment: "that the proceeds from lands sold under the provisions of the 1st section of this Act shall be added to State revenue." Adopted.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper moved to amend by adding "until two years after the close of the present war." Laid on table.

Mr. Obenchain moved to amend by striking out "160" and inserting "80." Lost.

Mr. Guinn moved an amendment to the caption. Adopted.

Mr. Lea moved to postpone until Monday next. Lost.

Mr. Hartley introduced by leave a bill concerning the issuance of sequestrations in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Crawford of Jasper the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, December 6, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bill:

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton.

Mr. Branch, from the Committee on Military Affairs,

on behalf of the Committee reported a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to purchase arms and recommended its passage.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported the following bills and recommended their passage: a bill concerning the issuance of injunctions in certain cases, and a bill allowing the laws of the Confederate States to be received in evidence.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a substitute for a bill for relief of the heirs of Sanford Holman, deceased, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported a joint resolution making an appropriation for the mileage and *per diem* pay of the presidential electors and recommended its passage. On further motion the rule was suspended. Bill placed on 2nd reading.

Mr. Dickson moved to amend so as to pay by drafts on the assessors and collectors of the respective counties. Adopted.

Mr. Shelley moved to amend by appropriating \$1000 or so much thereof as may be necessary. Adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Casey, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs reported a substitute for a bill granting land to the soldiers of Texas and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following correctly engrossed:

Bill for relief of Garrett F. Lankford.

Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds, &c.

Bill to authorize and require the Comptroller to audit and settle the accounts of quartermasters for the several camps of instruction.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to amend the 8th section of the Act of March 18, 1848, for the trial of the right of property. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Parsons introduced a bill to authorize James W. Flanigan and his associates to construct a bridge across the Sabine River. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

On Mr. Erath's motion the report of the Committee on Military Affairs on a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to purchase arms was taken up, and substitute adopted.

vided the Treasury warrant received for land at the rate

Mr. Crawford, Chairman Bills, reported correctly engaging an appropriation for the presidential electors, and Casey's amendment as above. On Mr. Crawford's motion adjourned until

Senate met, roll called, Mr. Erath moved to lay on the table.

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Benson, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Weatherford—[18].

NAYS—Messrs. Casey, &c.

A message was received from the Senate that the House had

passed a Senate bill suspending debts, &c., &c.

Senate joint resolution on mileage and per diem of the

Bill making an appropriation for the manufacture of Minie balls.

Mr. Casey moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill before the Senate until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Lost.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend by inserting "at their market value."

Mr. Dickson offered a substitute for the amendment, whereupon Mr. Durant moved to lay amendment and substitute on the table. Carried.

The yeas and nays on Mr. Graham's amendment were then called as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Weatherford—22.

NAYS — Messrs. Casey, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Guinn, Lea, and Selman—6.

Mr. Lea moved to postpone until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow. Lost, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Committee on State Affairs offering a substitute for a bill reestablishing the boundaries of Texas being the special order was taken up.

Mr. Guinn proposed a substitute, whereupon on Mr. Shelley's motion the further consideration was postponed until Monday next, 12 o'clock M.

On Mr. Shelley's motion the vote refusing further action on a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the 3rd section of the 10th Article of the Constitution was reconsidered.

Mr. Shepard offered to amend by striking out "a majority" and inserting "two-thirds." On Mr. Hartley's motion laid on the table. Bill then read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS — Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Durant, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Hartley, Houston, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Jordan, Parsons, and Shepard—7.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, December 7, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the